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Oct. 4-1901

ANNUAL REPORT

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATIONS.

No. of polls 312	\$ 31200.00
Real estate, acres 18531	363700.00
No. of horses, 362	15858.00
“ oxen, 40	1282.00
“ cows, 517	10387.00
“ neat stock, 111	1300.00
“ sheep, 262	524.00
“ carriages, 6	310.00
Stock in public funds	500.00
Bank stock and other corporations . . .	8200.00
Stock in corporations out of state . . .	2900.00
Money at interest or on deposit	3736.00
Stock in trade,	19953.00
Mills and machinery	25950.00
Buildings not designated	800.00
Total	<hr/> \$496600.00

Poll tax, \$2.00

APPROPRIATIONS for 1897.

Town charges,	\$1200.00
Roads and bridges,	2500.00
Schooling by law,	1265.00
“ extra	750.00
Library,	150.00
Memorial Day	50.00
State tax,	1265.00
County tax,	1471.94
School yard fence	25.00
School house,	1200.00
Per cent added	55.06
Total	<hr/> \$9932.00

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Water Bonds	\$7300.00
Interest on same to Feb. 15	36.50
Unpaid order of Chas. S. Gilman, . . .	53.00
Total	<hr/> \$7389.50

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of Brock Dearborn . .	\$305.46
“ “ “ Frank K. Johnson . .	284.61
Due from County	9.25
Total indebtedness of town	6790.18
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	\$7389.50

ALBERT A. SMITH, } Selectmen
 SMITH N. ELLSWORTH, } of
 FRED A. CURRIER, } Belmont

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast.

REUBEN G. HOYT, }
 HARVEY GARDNER, } Auditors
 D. DANA MAXFIELD, }

WATER WORKS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Annual Rate.

The following rates are established until further notice, and to be paid by owner of property where water is taken.

Family not exceeding five persons, 1 faucet \$6.00
 Each additional person in same family .50
 Bath tub or water closet of approved pattern 3.00
 Hose for washing windows or carriages, or sprinkling lawns, not exceeding one hour per day, through one-eighth inch nozzle 3.00
 Builders rates per barrel05
 Hotels, steam engines and motors, metre or special rates. When water is used for purposes not specified in the foregoing it may be drawn through a metre or a rate will be fixed by the Superintendent upon applications.

METRE RATES.

Not exceeding 24,000 gallons per year . . \$10.00
 Each additional 1,000 gallons25

CONTRACT

Every person taking water thereby consents to the following regulations, and agrees to be bound by them and such other regulations as the Selectmen and Superintendent may hereafter establish.

APPLICATION

All persons desiring to take water shall make application to the Superintendent, stating fully and truly all the purposes for which it is to be used; and should additional use at any time be required the person requiring the same must notify the Superintendent before such additional use will be allowed.

SERVICE PIPES.

The town will furnish a corporation with a stop, from the main pipe. All service pipe must be provided and maintained by the person supplied with water.

Persons taking water must keep their own water pipes and fixtures connected therewith in good repair and protected from the frost at their own expense.

They must provide a stop and waste cock, to be properly located inside the building and have the pipes so arranged that the water can be drawn from them whenever and wherever there is danger of freezing.

USE OF WATER.

The water at sinks and other places must not be left running to prevent water in pipes freezing, or for any other purpose; and all unnecessary waste of water must be prevented. No owner or tenant will be allowed to supply water to other persons or families, and if found so doing the supply will be stopped and the water rent already paid forfeited.

INSPECTION.

The Superintendant must have free access at all proper times to all parts of the premises where water is delivered and consumed.

STOPPAGE.

No person shall open or close any public fountain, hydrant stop cock, water gate, blow of or air vent, attached to any water pipe belonging to the town except by permission of the Superintendent. Provided, however that this shall not apply to firemen while in the proper discharge of their duties as such

The town reserves the right to shut off the water for making repairs, extentions or other purposes, without notice, and no person shall be entitled to damages by reason of such action of the town.

Bills Payable, When.

All water bills may be payable semi-annually in advance, to the Superintendent on the first day of June and Dec. If water rents be not paid within fifteen days after they become due, the flow of water may be cut off, and one dollar will be charged for turning it on again.

Water rents will commence when service pipe is laid, and we recommend that the income of the water works be set aside, to form a sinking fund looking to the final redemption of the water bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. SMITH,	}	Selectmen of Belmont
SMITH N. ELLSWORTH,		
FRED A. CURRIER,		

Road Agent's Report.

Below is my report as Road Agent for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS:

From Mar. 10, to Mar. 27	\$ 75.82
“ March 27, to April 24,	90.50
“ April 24, to May 29,	397.63
“ May 29, to June 26,	511.56
“ June 26, to July 31,	370.30
“ July 31, to Aug 28,	120.09
“ August 28, to September 25,	170.79
“ September 25, to Oct. 30,	217.14
“ Oct. 30, to Nov. 27,	263.80
“ November 27, to Dec. 31,	87.54
“ Dec. 31, to January 29,	263.33
“ Jan. 29, to February 15,	600.28

Total, \$3168.78

M. K. SMITH, ROAD AGENT.

We have examined the above report and find it correctly cast.

REUBEN G. HOYT, HARVEY GARDNER, D. DANA MAXFIELD,	}	Auditors
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February 15, 1898.

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND CITIZENS OF BELMONT.

I herewith submit my report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

F. K. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

1897.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 15,	To cash on hand	\$	906.15
Mar. 1,	Cash of B. Dearborn 1896 tax .		100.00
Apr. 17,	" " " " . .		140.00
May 8,	" " " " . .		60.00
July 1,	" " " " . .		64.02
1,	" " " " int.		7.72
2,	" " 1897 " "		5010.06
Sept. 8,	" " " " . .		115.00
Oct. 31,	" " " " . .		500.00
Nov. 19,	" " " " . .		550.00
27,	" " " " . .		400.00
Dec. 3,	" " " " . .		500.00
Dec. 31,	" " " " . .		675.00
1898.			
Jan. 8,	" " " " . .		500.00
Feb. 15,	" " " " . .		1500.00
1897.			
Apr. 24,	" County of Belknap		13.00
Sept. 2,	" " " "		13.00
Nov. 27,	" " " "		13.00
Dec. 31,	" " " "		14.70
May 20,	To H. C. Adams, Dog License,		100.00
July 20,	" " " " " " . .		39.80

1898.					
Jan. 26,	"	H. C. Adams,	dog license	\$	8.40
1897.					
May 29,	"	Jos'h Plummer,	money borrowed		500.00
Sept. 27,	"	H. C. Adams,	"		500.00
Aug. 13,	"	C. O. Judkins,	Water Works,		100.00
1898.					
Jan. 10,	"	"	"	"	125.00
29,	"	"	"	"	100.00
4,	"	Bal. estate N. B. Gale with int.			5242.22
4,	"	State of N. H. R. R. tax,			132.73
4,	"	"	Savings Bank tax,		1280.22
4,	"	"	Literary fund		146.32
Feb. 11,	"	Laconia S bank int. parsonage fund			9.08
15,	"	A. A. Smith 1896 tax collected			1.87
15,	"	Office rent from K. of P. lodge			30.00
15,	"	A. Smith Licenses granted shows			13.00
15,	"	E. G. Marden, license, Pool table			10.00
15,	"	C. O. Judkins Water Works			220.60
15,	"	Brock Dearborn int. collected			21.34
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					\$19662.23

EXPENDITURES.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1897.					
Mar. 27,	Paid	M. K. Smith,	Road Agent,	\$	75.82
Apr. 24,	"	"	"	"	90.50
May 27,	"	"	"	"	397.63
June 26,	"	"	"	"	511.56
July 31,	"	"	"	"	370.30
Aug. 28,	"	"	"	"	120.09
Sept. 25,	"	"	"	"	170.79
Oct. 30,	"	"	"	"	217.14
Nov. 27,	"	"	"	"	263.80
Dec. 31,	"	"	"	"	87.54
1898.					
Jan. 29,	"	"	"	"	263.33
1897.					
Mar. 27,	"	J. H. Lyford	"	"	123.89
July 31,	"	"	"	"	8.37
Feb. 15,	"	M. K. Smith,	"	"	600.28

1897.			
Oct. 30,	To Uri Latty, labor	\$	10.50
Nov. 27.	" John Lavally, labor		7.00
1898.			
Jan. 29,	" Ella D. Kelley, sand		4.65
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			\$3323.19

FOR TOWN OFFICERS

1897.			
Mar. 27,	To E. Gardner, Police and transients	\$	14.40
Apr. 27,	" " " "		11.20
May 29,	" " " "		10.00
June 26,	" " collecting dog license		15.80
July 31,	" " Police		10.00
Aug. 28,	" " " and cash paid out		10.55
Sept. 25,	" " " " "		10.80
Oct. 30.	" " " " "		12.00
Nov. 17,	" " " " "		12.75
1898.			
Jan. 3,	" " " to Dec. 15. '97		12.80
29,	" " " and cash paid		13.60
1897.			
Apr. 24,	" W. H. Chaplain, Health officer		2.50
May 29,	" " " " "		2.50
June 26,	" " " " "		2.70
July 31,	" " " " "		1.00
Aug. 28	" " " " "		1.50
Sept. 25	" " " " "		1.80
Oct. 30	" " " " "		.60
Nov. 27	" " " " "		.50
Dec. 31	" " " " "		60.
1898.			
Jan. 29	" " " " "		.40

1897.		
Feb. 27	To R. G. Hoyt, auditors	\$ 4.00
May 29	" C. O. Judkins, ballot inspectors	8.00
Apr. 24	" A Smith part payment, Selectman	14.00
24	" Fred A. Currier " "	14.00
24	" S. N. Ellsworth " "	15.00
July 31	" " " " "	15.00
31	" " " " "	5.00
Mar. 9	" H.H.Thompson selectman to date	8.00
9	" B. Dearborn services supervisors	15.00
1898.		
Feb. 15	" " collector	100.00
15	" E. P. Thompson, moderator	7.00
15	" H. C. Adams, town clerk	30.00
15	" F. K. Johnson, treasurer	40.00
15	" Ellis Gardner, Police	10.00
15	" S. N. Ellsworth selectman to date	8.00
15	" F. A. Currier, " "	20.00
15	" A. A. Smith " "	30.00
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		\$491.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

1897.		
Feb. 16	Paid H. Stockbridge for York children	\$22.50
Mar 27	" " " "	10.00
Apr. 24	" " " "	10.00
May 29	" " " "	12.50
June 26	" " " "	10.00
July 31	" " " "	12.50
Aug 28	" " " "	10.00
Sept 25	" " " "	10.00
Oct. 30	" " " "	12.50
Nov 27	" " " "	10.00
Dec. 31	" " " "	10.00
1898.		
Jan. 29	" " " "	12.50
1897.		
Mar. 27	" E. H. Bryant, boots for	" 3.50
Apr. 24	" Belmont Clo. House	" 1.70
Sept 25	" " " " "	" 3.38
Nov. 27	" " " " "	" 10.75

Feb. 27	Paid F.W.Ladd,aid Nancy Dockham	\$4.00
Apr. 24	" " " " "	8.00
May 29	" " " " "	9.00
June 26	" " " " "	4.00
Aug. 28	" " " " "	5.00
Sept 25	" " " " "	4.00
Oct. 30	" " " " "	4.00
Dec. 31	" " " " "	9.00
Oct. 30	" H. S. Sanborn " "	1.70
Feb. 27	" S. N. Ellsworth aid Geo. Smith	7.55
Mar. 27	" " " " "	8.00
Apr. 17	" " " " "	1.00
Mar. 27	" J. L. Moore & Son for " "	14.00
Apr. 17	" Fred E. Rowe " "	3.00
17	" Dr. O. W. Goss " "	7.50
June 26	" H. S. Sanborn " "	2.25
Apr 17	" C. D. Thyng, board I. Bartlett	28.35
May 29	" " " " "	30.00
Mar 27	" E. C. Bean, aid to Joe Twombly	4.95
Apr. 24	" " aid dependant soldiers	1.00
Dec 31	" H. Thompson aid Raymond children	5.00
1898.		
Feb. 15	" J.L.Moore & Son coffin Davis child	7.00
15	" F.W. Ladd, aid Nancy Dockham	4.00
15	" H. S. Sanborn " "	.25
1897.		
May 29	" S. A. Merrill aid Lewis Trickey	5.00
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		\$339.38

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

1897.		
Mar. 27	Paid Emma Cotton freight on books	\$ 1.87
27	" " " express on books	2.37
June 26	" " " supplies and freight	3.79
Sept 25	" " freight	1.45
25	" American School Book Co.	9.60
25	" " " " "	140.44
1898.		
Jan. 29	" " " " "	7.49
May 27	" Thompson Brown & Co., books	7.68
Sept. 25	" " " " "	3.68

Sept. 25	Paid Thompson Brown & Co. supplies	\$1.67
May 29	" Werner School Book Co.	6.96
Sept. 26	" " " "	15.60
July 31	" C. W. Johnson, supplies	4.62
Oct. 30	" " " "	8.97
30	" " " "	11.18
Dec. 31	" A. I. Smith	.50
May 29	" E. S. Moulton	2.58
29	" J. L. Hammett	30.80
July 31	" Franklin Pub. Co. maps	39.00
Sept. 25	" E. P. Jewett, books	6.25
June 26	" Treasurer School Board	1000.00
Nov. 27	" " " "	1015.00
1898.		
Jan. 29	" " school board, literary fund	146.32
1897.		
July 31	" E. S. Moulton school board, and truant officer	23.00
June 26	" H. Gardner services school board	22.00
July 31	" Emma J. Cotton " " "	8.00
1898.		
Jan. 29	" " " " " "	25.00
29	" " " Express	.30
Feb. 15	" E. S. Moulton "	.25
15	" " " services, school board	37.00
15	" F. K. Johnson, treas. " "	5.00
15	" H. Gardner " "	13.62
15	" " " "	23.00
15	" " supplies and express	.75
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		\$2625.74

REBATE DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES

1897.

June 26	Paid Bay State Ice Co.	\$ 6.00
26	" Sam Clairmont	3.00
26	" J. B. Matthews	3.00
26	" J. F. Fogg, estate	2.00
26	" Brock Dearborn, discount on taxes paid before July 1st	200.40
26	" Brock Dearborn, abatement	2.55
Oct. 30	" F. E. Busiel	1.00
Nov. 27	" B. J. Bedell	.40

Nov. 27	Paid E. H. Bryant	\$16.00
Dec. 31	" C. E. Hawkins	4.00
1898.		
Feb. 15	" Brock Dearborn, abatements	33.52
15	" " " error on taxes	7.44
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		\$279.31

CURRENT EXPENSES

1897.		
Mar. 27	Paid F. A. Randlett, water tub	\$ 3.00
27	" H. C. Adams, blanks furnished	3.50
9	" Kendall & Gilman, town reports	45.00
Feb. 15	" Nellie A. Cilley, hall 1896	25.00
Apr. 27	" Silsby & Son, books and supplies	5.80
May 24	" " " record books	2.00
29	" C. S. Gilman, Memorial day	50.00
June 29	" Lydia Tuttle, water tub	3.00
July 31	" C. O. Judkins, school house fence	9.87
Oct. 30	" Fred A. Young insurance lobby	2.00
Dec. 31	" A. S. Bolster, report births, deaths	7.25
31	" S. A. Merrill " " "	4.00
1898.		
Jan. 29	" H. C. Adams recording " "	15.65
4	" E. H. Bryant, office rent Feb. 15, '98	50.00
29	" Silsby & Son, town orders	2.50
29	" C. E. Small, water tub	3.00
Feb. 15	" E. P. Thompson, water tub	6.00
15	" John Lyford, water tub	2.00
15	" S. H. Felch, water tub	1.12
15	" J. M. Sargent, ins. library building	8.75
15	" W. C. Wells, surveying	1.50
15	" S. L. Weeks, wood for lobby	4.00
15	" Geo. E. Sawyer, water tub	3.00
15	" F. K. Johnson, incidentals	2.00
15	" A. A. Smith, moving town safe	3.05
15	" John Lavally, lobby wood	2.25
15	" Nellie A. Cilley, hall	25.60
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		\$290.24

WATER WORKS ACCOUNT.

1897.			
Feb. 27,	Paid C. O. Judkins. labor in 1896	\$	3.50
Mar. 27,	" " "		6.00
June 26,	" " " labor and supplies		42.37
July 21,	" " " extension		9.00
31,	" " " labor and cash		15.32
Oct. 30,	" " " " "		20.50
1898.			
Jan. 29,	" " " "		6.00
1897.			
June 26,	" A. H. Danforth, labor, extension		30.00
July 21,	" " " " "		60.00
Oct. 30,	" " " " "		4.50
June 26,	" H. C. Adams freight on supplies		18.40
July 31,	" Walworth M'fg Co., pipe		255.48
Aug. 28,	" Kidder Machine Co. pipe		20.03
Feb. 15,	" Int on bonds to date		360.00
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			\$851.10

NOTES, BONDS, AND INTEREST.

1897.			
Mar. 15	Paid H. C. Adams, note and int.	\$	306.87
July 24	" W.C. Wells Shepard note and int.		790.91
1898.			
Jan. 7	" Joseph Plummer note and int.		515.07
7	" H. C. Adams " "		506.96
17	" Water bonds No's 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, with interest to date		2605.22
Feb. 18	" Joseph Plummer school house notes and interest		2504.23
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			\$7229.26

COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

1897.			
Aug. 2	Paid County Treas. 1-2 county tax	\$	735.97
Dec. 31	" " " bal. " "		735.97
31	" State tax		1265.00
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			\$2736.94

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LAND DAMAGE.

1897.

June 26	Paid E. H. Bryant	\$25.00
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1898.

Feb. 5	" Harvey Gardner	75.00
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 \$100.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1897.

July 13	Paid A. S. Bolster, trustee . . .	\$150.00
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SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

1897.

Dec. 31	Paid F. A. Randlett	\$20.00
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NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

1897.

June 10	Paid H. H. Thompson	\$200.00
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Sept 1	" " "	500.00
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Oct. 5	" " "	200.00
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Dec. 31	" " " balance	32.38
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 \$932.38

PARSONAGE FUND ACCOUNT.

Paid G. W. Elkins, F. B. Society E. Tilton	\$.65
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" S. Lamprey, Methodist	" "	1.25
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" A. I. Smith Christian	" Belmont	2.09
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" J. W. Wells 1st F. B.	" "	3.12
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" R. L. Farrar 3rd F. B.	" "	1.97
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 \$9.08

RECAPITULATION.

ORDERS PAID AS FOLLOWS:

Highways and Bridges	\$3323.19
Current Expenses	290.24
Town Officers	491.00
Support of Poor	339.38
School Expenses	2625.74
Discount, Rebate and Abatement of taxes	279.31
Damage by dogs	20.00
Land Damage	100.00
Parsonage Fund	9.08
Notes, Bonds and Interest	7229.26
State and County tax	2736.94
Public Library	150.00
New School House	932.38
Water Works account	851.10

	\$19377.62
Feb. 18, 1898, Cash on hand	284.61

\$19662.23

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and cash due the town in the hands of Treasurer of two hundred eighty four dollars and sixty one cents.

REUBEN G. HOYT,	} Auditors
HARVEY GARDNER,	
D. DANA MAXFIELD,	

Belmont N. H. Feb. 18, 1898.

Library Report.

Balance on hand	\$ 16.59
From F. K. Johnson, treas.	150.00

\$166.59

PAID.

Book	\$ 2.50
Wood	2.50
Sawing and fitting wood	1.50
N. E. Magazine	3.00
C. W. Johnson	5.33
Munsey Magazine	1.00
Frank Lakeman, librarian	17.55
Harpers' Round Table	2.00
Book	2.25
Frank Lakeman	17.55
F. G. Beaman	22.40
C. W. Johnson, oil etc.	2.37
A. S. Bolster, postage35
Frank Lakeman	17.55
Recreation	1.00
Insurance	10.50
Books	40.26
Healthy Home 4 years	2.00

\$151.61

Balance on hand	14.98
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\$166.59

MOSES SARGENT W. C. WELLS A. S. BOLSTER	}	Trustees.
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We have examined the above account and find it correct.

REUBEN G. HOYT, HARVEY GARDNER, D. DANA MAXFIELD,	}	Auditors
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BELMONT TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT.

Another year has passed, and at its close, it becomes our duty to report to you our work as your servants, and to put before you those facts which will enable you to form an estimate of the return you are receiving for the money you pay for the support of the schools in your goodly town. We will put our report into as few words as will be consistent with a faithful discharge of duty, and will convey to you desired information.

During the year the school house for which you made an appropriation at your last annual meeting was completed according to contract, and gives the children in that part of the town as cosy and inviting a schoolroom as can be found in the County. The Autumn and Winter terms were taught in it. For good and sufficient reasons the school in old number ten was discontinued, and the scholars four or five in number, were carried to the Upper Province Road school. We think this consolidation of two small schools was a wise act, and one which ought to be imitated in other parts of the town the coming year.

It has been our intention to put proper and competent persons in the schools as teachers and we feel that as a whole we have done so. For any mistake we have made we are sorry and are willing to be forgiven. We will summerize the schools in detail.

The Ladd Hill school was in charge of Miss Nellie M. Ladd, who as usual showed her eminent fitness for such a position. The Spring term in the Union School was taught by Miss Francis Hall of Bristol, who met with excellent success and gave perfect satisfaction. Like Eve's daughters in all ages, she exercised the right to get married, so another teacher, Miss Florence Gerald's was secured for the Autumn and Winter terms. Miss Gerald's

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is at home in the school room and in these terms, as in other previous terms in other sections of the town, she did good work, and some of her classes made remarkable progress. The Jamestown school was taught by Miss Maud C. Gardner throughout the year. The scholars who attended made fair progress. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Una Kimball of Concord for the Province Road school, which, under her efficient, conscientious care and labor made commendable and substantial advancement. It is to be hoped that her work in our schools will be continued. The Spring term in the Clay district was taught by Miss Augusta Judkins of Laconia and was fairly successful. Miss Judkins worked faithfully and could not be considered as anything but a good teacher. Miss Francis Malon of Meredith taught the Autumn and Winter terms and was eminently in her proper sphere. We were much pleased with her work and the very good results achieved, especially with the small scholars.

The Village Primary was in charge of Mrs. Minnie Randall who did what she could to make the school profitable and successful. Miss May Lamprey of Gilmanton was the teacher in the intermediate school. To say that she did well would be inadequate and would not convey to you a correct idea of her work in this, the most difficult and unruly school in town. Miss Lamprey is one of our best teachers, faithful, painstaking and conscientious. She has earned and richly deserves the respect and heartiest thanks of all who are interested in the cause of education. A quiet and refined christian lady, she could not fail to gain and hold a host of loyal friends in our pleasant village. Such teachers deserve support and position.

The Spring term of the Grammar school was under the tuition and care of Mrs. Sarah E. Piper. Mrs. Piper is finely educated, possesses excellent methods, and has had much experience in past years. She struggled amid serious difficulties. In spite of

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all these items the term was successful, one of the best we had ever seen in the town. The examination at the close of the term showed faithful work on the part of the teacher, earnest study by the scholars and an unusual amount of progress. Our public schools lost an excellent instructor when citizen Piper found a good wife. We congratulate ourselves upon having secured the very efficient services of Miss Lillian M. Caverly, late principal of the Meredith Village High School, for the current school year in the earnest expectation that she may be a permanent teacher in the upper department of the Village school. In the Autumn and Winter terms she demonstrated the wisdom of our choice, and met with success of the highest order. We were more than satisfied with the school and with its discipline and advancement. Miss Caverly endeavored to make all the work of the school practical in its character.

We noticed with pleasure a greatly improved deportment on the part of her scholars in and around the school building. We are exceedingly gratified to find a refined, christian lady, whose influence is uplifting, devoting her life to the instruction of the young. She is beyond all question the right person for the position. While others imitating the example of Miss Hall, may do WELL, we trust Miss Caverly will be satisfied with nothing less than doing BETTER.

We feel it duty to call the attention of the voters to some items of importance which demand their thoughtful care.

There is a necessity for the adoption of some by-laws as provided for in the state laws. The school laws as they stand upon the statute books, are insufficient to compel the attendance of many who ought to be in the school room, especially children under eight years of age. In the village part of the town, are many who will lose much in the line of school privileges unless compelled to attend school from the time they are six years of age.

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In the past the amount of schooling has been less than in other towns which possess similar means and are under like conditions. It is so at the present, and consequently our boys and girls do not acquire the education which is possessed by boys and girls of the same age in other communities, and are seriously handicapped at the very commencement of practical life. It seems to us that the boys and girls of Belmont, the most of whom will be unable to attend school elsewhere, ought to have the opportunity of attending school at least 33 weeks each year. The time is coming and will come soon, when the law of the state will compel it. It would be excellent economy to appropriate a sufficient sum to support your schools that number of weeks the coming year. No money raised in a town gives better returns than your school money, for it gives the state and community more intelligent and consequently more law abiding and better citizens.

The scholars in the village can not be accommodated in three rooms. There is an actual necessity for the seating and furnishing of the fourth room so as to have four schools the coming year. We sincerely hope you will vote a sufficient sum of money for this purpose. The number of school children in the village the past year was 143 and for the coming year it will not be less than 155, and may be more. The majority of these are primary scholars—enough to make two good schools—all that two teachers can care for in a faithful and efficient manner.

We append a statistical table, giving all the facts in connection with your schools.

Asking for your kindly criticisms of our honest and sincere efforts, and your pardon for any failures we subscribe ourselves,

Your humble servants,

EMMA J. COTTON,	} School Board of Belmont.
E. S. MOULTON,	

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Report of Building Committee.

To the citizens of the School district in Belmont.

Your building committee, chosen at the last annual school meeting to build a new school house, submits the following report.

Bids for building the school house and shed above the foundation were received as follows :

Joseph Plumer	\$999.99
C. G. Corliss	975.00
J. W. Sweatt	847.13
R. P. Willard	800.00
W. P. Willard	725.00
F. N. Chatfield	673.75
H. H. Thompson	649.75

and H. H. Thompson having the lowest bid was awarded the contract. School house was finished Sept. 1st as per contract to the satisfaction of the building committee.

Joseph Plumer	} Building Committee
H. H. Thompson	
R. G. Hoyt	

Financial report of building committee for new School House.

H. H. Thompson's account as per bills	\$685.30
R. G. Hoyt's account as per bills	110.75
Joseph Plumer's account as per bills	35.56
H. C. Fifield for lot	25.00
Recording deed and making the same	1.25
Knight & Robinson, furniture	74.52

Total \$932.38

Received of town of Belmont \$932.38

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and cast.

HARVEY GARDNER,	} Auditors .
D. DANA MAXFIELD,	

Per H. Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

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REPORT OF TREAS. SCHOOL BOARD.

RECEIVED.

Mar. 13, '97.	Cash of A. S. Bolster	\$38.01
May 14,	" E.S.Moulton sale school house	20.00
June 26,	" Town treasurer	1000.00
Nov. 27,	" " "	1015.00
Jan. 3,	" " "	146.32
Feb. 15,	" W. W. Rich	15.55

\$2234.88

PAID.

Oct. 30 '97	John Willard, labor	\$ 2.40
Nov.17	W. J. Barrett, supplies	2.40
July 31	W. H. Chaplain, labor	2.85
Jan. 29	" " "85
Oct.20	Emma J. Cotton Insurance	6.00
Feb.15 '98	J. M. Sargent "	17.00
Nov.16 '97	News & Critic, Printing	2.50
May.29	C. E. Gilman "	2.00
June.23	H. Gardner, cleaning and supplies	8.25
Mar.27	Lizzie Danforth, cleaning	9.45
July 2	John Trussel, janitor	30.00
Oct. 29	Charlie Moulton, janitor	17.50
Nov.19	" " "	15.50
Jan. 5 '98	" " "	13.00
Jan. 10	Sam Clairmont, carrying scholars	12.50
Nov.27	" " "	27.50
July	Geo. Bryant "	24.00
Nov.27	" " "	24.00
July 7	C. O. Bean "	24.00
2	Mrs. S. Clairmont "	22.00
Mar. 9	Harry Knowles "	16.25
Oct.18	Emma Cotton, repairs	1.50
July 2	H. H. Thompson repairs	4.00
June.23	Gardner Cook, 2 pair blinds	1.30
June.18	W. J. Barrett, repairs	38.85
Oct. 14	Eugene Phelps, coal	53.90
June.28	Jason Cotton, wood	8.00
Dec.31	B. J. Bedell "	6.50
31	R. L. Farrar "	4.75
Dec.15	J. H. Weeks "	3.00
Dec.11	Harry Marsh "	1.50
Nov.17	F. W. Gardner "	2.50
June.23	E. G. Ladd, "	16.00

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May 29	J. H Weeks wood	5.00
Apr. 20	J. H. Cotton "	2.80
20	F. A. Currier "	2.50
20	M. Glidden "	2.75
July 2 '97	Augusta Judkins, teaching . . .	72.00
2	I. E Hall "	72.00
2	Mrs. Sarah Piper "	132.00
Apr 20	Ethel Carley "	7.20
Oct. 18	" " "	6.00
Nov 19	Lillian M. Caverly "	168.00
Jan. '98	" " "	61.60
July 2	Minnie Randall "	102.00
Nov 19	" " "	102.00
Jan 5 '98	" " "	37.40
July 2 '97	Maude C. Gardner "	72.00
Nov 17	" " "	72.00
Jan. 10 '98	" " "	36.00
July 2 '97	Una Kimball, "	83.00
Nov 16	" " "	84.00
Jan. 10 '98	" " "	35.00
Oct. 18 '97	Francis Maloon "	24.00
Nov. 16	" " "	36.00
Dec. 17	" " "	12.00
Jan. 10 '98	" " "	18.00
July 2	May E. Lamprey "	102.00
Nov. 19	" " "	102.00
Jan. 5	" " "	37.40
July 2 '97	Nellie Ladd "	72.00
Nov. 17	" " "	72.00
Jan 10 '98	" " "	36.00
Jan. 10	Florence Gerald "	36.00
Nov. 17 '97	" " "	72.00

\$2196.40

Feb. 18, Cash on hand to balance 38.48

\$2234.89

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, with cash in hands of School Treasurer due school district, of thirty eight dollars and forty eight cents.

REUBEN G. HOYT, }
D. DANA MAXFIELD, } Auditors

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

A Statistical Table of the school in the district of Belmont for the year ending February 15, 1898.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of term.	Length in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average number.	Average attendance.	Wages per month.
Ladd Hill	Nellie M. Ladd	1	12	9			\$24.00
" "	" "	2	12	9			" "
" "	" "	3	6	8			" "
Union	Frances Hall	1	12	9			\$24.00
" "	Florence Gerald	2	12	8			" "
" "	" "	3	6	8			" "
Jamestown	Maud C. Gardner	1	12	6			\$24.00
" "	" "	2	12	14*			" "
" "	" "	3	6	14			" "
Clay Hill	Augusta Judkins	1	12	10			\$24.00
" "	Frances Maloon	2	12	13	12	11	" "
" "	" "	3	5	12	8	7	" "
Village Primary	Minnie Randall	1	12	62			\$34.00
" "	" "	2	12	67	65	51	" "
" "	" "	3	14	58	54	48	" "
Intermediate	May A. Lamprey	1	12	37			\$34.00
" "	" "	2	12	37	32	28	" "
" "	" "	3	4.4	25	23	21	" "
Grammar	Sarah E. Piper	1	12	41	33		\$44.00
" "	Lillian M. Caverly	2	12	34	30	28	\$56.00
" "	" "	3	4.4	33	32	31	" "
Province Road	Una M. Kimball	1	12	19	18	17	\$28.00
" "	" "	2	12	19	18	17	" "
" "	" "	3	5	18	18	17	" "

No. of scholars Summer term 203. Autumn 201. Winter 176.

*For 8 weeks 6, for 4 weeks 14.

Births Registered in the Town of Belmont for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Sex and Condition.		Name of Child [if any.]	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Mother.	
	Male.	Female.										Living or Stillborn.
Jan. 17	M	F	Living	James Jordan	Flora Loranger	W	All in Belmont.	Blacksmith	St. Sylvester Can.	St. Paul Ca.	28 24	
" 21	F	F	Stillborn	Henry Williams	Nellie M. Burbank	W		Operative	Bellows Falls Vt.	Hopkinton	40 30	
Feb. 8	M	F	Living	Fred H. Piper	Lella Fuller	W		Farmer	Belmont	Belmont	24 26	
" 21	M	F	"	William G. Davis	Lillian M. Whitehouse			Operative	Hardwick Vt.	Wolboro	28 24	
Mar. 2	M	F	"	William Fardieu	Georgiana Parent			"	Quebec Canada	Quebec	41 33	
" 9	F	F	"	Charles Finley	Almira Bisson			Farmer	"	Ca	"	35 28
" 26	F	F	"	Walter Sanborn	Ella Stockbridge			"	Belmont	Gilmanston	31 28	
Apr. 15	F	F	"	Joseph Braconier	Loey			Mechanic	"	Ca	"	35 23
" 24	F	F	"	Charles H. Brown	Sarah E. Thompson			"	Bradford	Hollis Me.	"	35 23
May 6	M	F	"	Harry B. Severance	Myrtle A. Towne			Operative	Hill	Stoddard	"	26 19
" 26	M	F	"	Ja-per D. Smith	Florence M. Knowles		All White	Merchant	Sandwich	East Boston Mass.	24 24	
June 1	M	F	"	Edwin C. Bean	M. Etta Bowman			Merchant	Gilmanston	Eastport Me.	42 42	
" 12	M	F	"	Louis Truckey	Mary Braconier			Laborer	"	Ca.	"	51 34
July 18	M	F	"	Edwin G. Severance	Maime McGillivray			Engineer	Franklin	New Glasco N.B.	28 30	
Aug. 19	M	F	"	Joseph E. Smith	Mary E. Tucker			Farmer	Sandwich	Canterbury	"	31 28
" 26	M	F	"	Samuel E. Clairmont	Maud Fecreau			"	Belmont	"	Ca.	53
Sept. 7	M	F	"	Fred A. Thirrier	Harriet L. Twombly			Laborer	"	Malden Mass.	"	48 41
" 13	M	F	"	Daniel Willard	Anaretta Thompson			"	"	Belmont	Belmont	34 37
" 17	M	F	"	Richard Derouin	Inez Nadeau			Operative	St. Ezra Ca.	St. Frederick Ca.	49 36	
" 23	M	F	"	Charles C. Davis	Alvonia J. Battis			"	London	Canterbury	"	23 26
" 29	M	F	"	Joseph Murphy	Adeline Ladeau		All White	Plumber	Saguac Ca.	N. Stickney Ca.	46 41	
Oct. 11	M	F	"	William J. Barrett	Kate M. Fuller			Laborer	Hamstead	Belmont	Belmont	29 24
" 19	M	F	"	Joseph Clark	Lalla McKenzie			Operative	"	Gilmanston	"	33 26
" 23	M	F	"	John O. Bryant	Anna Worchester			Laborer	"	Ca.	Columbia Falls Me.	27 25
" 25	M	F	"	Henry Chase Fifield	Florina Bouque			Carpenter	East Bolton Ca.	Laconia	"	29 26
Nov. 18	M	F	"	George E. Blaisdell	Carrie F. Piper			Farmer	Gillford	Gilmanston	"	45 44
" 18	F	F	"	Charles A. Laine	Clara Bell Randlett			"	"	Ca.	"	45 48
Dec. 18	F	F	"	Herbert C. Adams	Annie Minion			Station Agent	Hill	Whitefield	"	31 24
" 20	F	F	"	Fred Gonyer	Florentina A. Moulton			Operative	Milford	St. Marie Ca.	St. Francis Ca.	37 36
" 20	F	F	"	Andrew Lavalley	Josephine Poulsen			"	"	"	"	"
" 20	F	F	"	Rosa Lavalley	Rosa Lavalley			"	"	"	"	"

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June 23 Gilmanton	Harry Rowland Carroll	Belmont	19	Barber	Thamworth	Henry Carroll	Brooklyn N. Y.	Tension Agt.	1st	L. C. Graves
	Mabelle A. D. Moore	Gilmanton	23	Teacher	Gilmanton	Scrub E. Cook	Salem Mass.	Housewife	"	Clergyman
June 26 Canterbury	G. Frank Chapman	Belmont	22	Farmer	London Ridge	John B. Moore	London	Housewife	"	Gilmanton
	Angie May Chase	"	28	Farmer	New Hampton	Lacy Dimond	Pennock	Housewife	"	
July 3 Gilmanton	Edgar A. Davis	Gilmanton	27	Housekeeper	Concord	Fannie E. Flegg	London	Farmer	"	
	Minnie B. Peten	"	28	Housekeeper	Canterbury	Charles M. Davis	New Hampton	Farmer	"	
Aug. 4 Gilford	William C. Dearborn	Belmont	24	Farmer	Canterbury	Emily Wallace	Gilford	Housewife	"	
	Susie Belle Monilton	"	21	Boxmaker	Whitefield	Charles M. Davis	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
Aug. 18 Belmont	Wallace W. Thompson	Laconia	20	Machinist	Greensboro Vt.	May E. Burbank	Hopkinton	Housewife	"	
	Ida M. Sanborn	Belmont	18	Housekeeper	Belmont	John T. Smith	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
Aug. 19 Belmont	Edgar L. Plaisted	"	38	Machinist	Keene	Abbie J. Smith	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
	Agnes Knapp	"	28	Housekeeper	Greenville Pa.	Brook Dearborn	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
N. v. 10 Belmont	James Cate Hill	"	23	Farmer	Belmont	Edmund S. Monilton	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
	Addie May Currier	"	22	Dressmaker	Barnstead	Abbie B. Hubbard	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
Dec. 8 Laconia	Frank A. Bean	"	21	Farmer	Belmont	Frederic J. Thompson	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
	F. Maude Parsley	Laconia	20	Housekeeper	Laconia	Helen M Perkins	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
Dec 18 Belmont	Robert C. Whitehouse	Belmont	21	Operative	Wakefield	George H. Sanborn	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
	Mary Celina Demoin	"	17	Operative	Lewiston	Jennie A. Tabor	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Edna Plaisied	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Emiline Whittem	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Sarah Ann Palmer	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Sarah F. Hill	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Georgia F. Tye	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Charles C. Currier	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Almena Pliman	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Alphens L. Bean	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Addie Leighton	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						George Parsley	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Carrie Jackson	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Frank Whitehouse	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Alouda Melbourn	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Richard Demoin	Canterbury	Housewife	"	
						Elise Nedean	Canterbury	Housewife	"	

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HERBERT C. ADAMS, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Belmont for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	What Marriage, first, second, etc.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Feb. 10 Belmont		Clarence W. Johnson Mamie B. Muzzey	Belmont " Belmont	20 21		Merchant Housekeeper	Belmont Sunapee	Frank K. Johnson Abbie A. Rowe John C. Muzzey Josephine E. —	Belmont Kingston Sunapee Sunapee Belmont	Jeweler Housewife Farmer Housewife Farmer	1st " "	G. O. Wiggin Clergyman Belmont
Feb. 13 Belmont		Charles Austin Currier Marie N. Leighton	Belmont "	18 20		Farmer Operative	Maplewood Mass. Belmont	Fred A. Currier Helen F. Bruce James S. Leighton Nellie Fulson	Belmont Belmont Belmont Belmont	Farmer Housewife Housewife Operator	" " "	G. O. Wiggin Clergyman Belmont
Mar. 17 Belmont		Jasper D. Smith Florence M. Knowles	" E. Roston Mass.	23 23		Operative Operative	Saulwich East Boston Mas.	Daniel M. Smith Ellen A. Bennett James T. Knowles Elizabeth Doherty	Saulwich Belmont Belmont Belmont	Housewife Housewife Housewife Housewife	" "	G. O. Wiggin Clergyman Belmont
Apr. 9 Belmont		Charles E. Chase Ida L. Wadlin	Belmont "	19 21		Farmer Housekeeper	Lakeport North Andover	Emmina M. Fogg Melvin T. Wadlin Sarah Cole	Belmont Belmont Belmont	Housewife Housewife Housewife	" "	G. O. Wiggin Clergyman Belmont
Apr. 22 Belmont		Joseph Jacques Delphine Smith	" "	18 21		Operative Operative	" Ashland	Phonias Jacques Phoebe Laundry Stephen Vallier Roxana Phelps	" Belmont Belmont Belmont	Operative Farmer Housewife Housewife	" 2nd	B. F. Estes Clergyman Belmont
June 7 Belmont		John Alfred Milhar Florence Emma Ladd	" "	26 25		Carpenter Housekeeper	S. Durham P. Q. Belmont	Folly Morrill Arthur S. Ladd Ellen Porter George E. Dispean	Belmont Belmont Belmont Belmont	Housewife Housewife Housewife Housewife	1st "	Joel Byron Stocum Clergyman Lacoma
June 14 Belmont		Albert E. Dispean Carrie Morse	" Providence R. I.	36 28		Boat Builder Housekeeper	Providence R. I. "	Mary Jane Tilton William A. Morse Elizabeth Leamy	Providence R. I. Providence R. I. Manchester Eng.	Book-keeper Housewife	" "	T. G. Wilder Clergyman Tilton

Deaths Registered in the Town of Belmont for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.			Age.		Place of Birth.		Sex.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.	
				Years.	Months.					Days.	Father.				Mother.
Jan. 21															
" 22	Andrew J. Small	67	7	16	Canterbury	M	Belmont	F	C	Farmer	Belmont	Belmont	Nellie M. Burbank	Stillborn	
" 25	Henry F. Chase	58			Belmont	M	Belmont	M		Farmer	Canterbury	Canterbury	Hannah Young	Cerebral	
Feb. 13	Charles C. Clark	69	3		Sanbornton	M	Sanbornton	M		Farmer	Gilmanton	Gilmanton	Nancy Lamprey	Phthisis	
Mar. 12	Stephen H. Dearborn	58	2		Salisbury	M	Salisbury	M		Merchant	Sanbornton	Sanbornton	Mary A. Dearborn	Dropsy	
" 25	George W. Smith	38	6	28	Gilmanton 1. W.	M	Gilmanton	M		Teamster	Canidia	Canidia	Emily Leighton	Effects of Rheumatism	
" 12	Jethro K. Page	29	11		Lisbon	M	Lisbon	F		Laborer	Lisbon	Lisbon	Maria A. Whittemore	Cerebral Hemorrhage	
May, 1	Myrtle B. Severance	21	10		Stoddard	F	Stoddard	F		Housewife	Boscawen	Boscawen	Flora S. Sawyer	Septicemia	
" 18	Mabel P. Taylor	21	10		Belmont	F	Belmont	F		Housewife	Belmont	Belmont	Laurie B. Lovering	Pneumonia	
" 28	Nellie M. Williams	31	3		Hopkinton	F	Hopkinton	F		Housewife	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Mary Rantin	Consumption	
" 29	Moses French	56				M		M		Farmer	Quebec Ca.	Quebec Ca.	Nancy B. Clark	Hepatic Cerebrus	
June 20	Regis Bossie	22	5		St. Patrick Ca.	M	St. Patrick Ca.	M		Operative	Quebec Ca.	Quebec Ca.	Mary Rantin	Traumatic Peritonitis	
" 25	Nancy B. Weeks	86	3	13	Dorchester	F	Dorchester	F		Housekeeper	Dorchester	Dorchester	Nancy B. Clark	Old age	
July 7	Sarah T. Twombly	70	6		Gilmanton	F	Gilmanton	F		"	Gilmanton	Gilmanton	Mary L. Evens	Hepatitis	
" 11	George F. Dalton	53	2	9	Belmont	M	Belmont	M		Laborer	Northfield	Northfield	Abbie Clifford	Ovarian Tumor	
Aug. 2	Sarah Jane Sweat	55	10	20	Gilmanton	F	Gilmanton	F		Housewife	Gilmanton	Gilmanton	Lizzie A. Clinton	Phthisis Pulmonalis	
" 19	Mabel T. Jenkins	20	3	16	Lakeport	F	Lakeport	F		Housekeeper	Belmont	Belmont	Joseph Porter	Bleeding	
" 20	Malana Fortier	9			Laconia	F	Laconia	F		"	Ca.	Ca.	Annie	Heart Disease	
Sept. 10	Neoma S. Robinson	51			Belmont	F	Belmont	F		Housewife	Columbia Me.	Columbia Me.	June Tilton	Tuberculosis	
Oct. 3	Emma H. Tilton	29	11	3	Columbia Me.	F	Columbia Me.	F		"	Canterbury	Canterbury	Sybil French	Colitis	
" 10	Minon A. Davis	1	1	3	Belmont	M	Belmont	M		"	Ca.	Ca.	Alvonia J. Battis	Malnutrition	
" 25	Phoebe Jacques	2			Belmont	F	Belmont	F		"	Canterbury	Canterbury	Delphine Vallier	Heart Failure	
" 22	Jane Robinson	82	2	28	Sanbornton	F	Sanbornton	F		Housewife	Penabroke	Penabroke	Hannah Simpson	Meningitis	
" 28	William E. Murphy	3	15		Belmont	M	Belmont	M		"	N. Stickney Ca.	N. Stickney Ca.	Adeline Ladeau		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERBERT G. ALANIS TOWN CLERK.





